

MEMORANDUM FOR

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FROM: 59 MDW/DSCG/Dunn Dental Clinic (Col Westbrook DSN: 554-6335)
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SUBJECT: General Dentistry Items of Interest

1. Introduction:

I am Col Steven Westbrook your new consultant in General Dentistry. I am looking forward to representing each of you in the very dynamic and challenging environment of USAF Dentistry. My goal is to send out two newsletters annually one in Dec/Jan, then another about June/July. The Dec/Jan newsletter will contain an updated 47G3A list to try to help those trying to make assignment choices.

2. Retirements

A special thanks and best wishes for the future for the following individuals retiring or separating this year for their hard work and dedication to the Air Force Dental Corps:

Col Bruce R Altschuler	Col Lawrence Schmeltzer
Col Gardner G. Bassett	Col Clifford B. Starr
Col Donald J. Buikema	Col James J. Vaughan
Col Lyle B. Chamberlain	Col Alexander Warshaw
Col Charles H. Combs	LtCol Harvey P. Boyarsky
Col Samuel P. Davis	LtCol Christopher Culliton
Col John W. Klish	LtCol Mary Ellen McLean
Col David A. Lee	LtCol James R. Miears, Jr.
Col Jay Rossell	LtCol Clyde Roggenkamp
Col John G. Warnick	

3. PLEA FOR HELP

Your continued support is requested to encourage qualified individuals to apply for the General Dentistry Residency. We were able to completely fill the 1998 classes at both Lackland and Keesler as well as carry a small number of applicants over for 1999. This means that at next year's selection board we will be selecting for entry in 1999 as well as 2000. Some have questioned the need to continue training at our present levels but the need for clinical 47G3A's has never been greater due to:

a. Losses (retirements and separations)

b. 47G3A's in command and other non clinical positions

c. Critical shortages developing in other specialties

4. Federal Services Board of General Dentistry

Congratulations to all those individuals who successfully challenged either the oral or written portion of the FSBGD.

Passing the 1997 orals and obtaining FSBGD Diplomate status were the following individuals:

Col Joseph A. Bartoloni	Randolph
Col Cynthia P. Thiel	Sheppard
Lt Col John R. Bettineschi, Jr.	McConnell
Lt Col Corydon L. Doerr	Kirtland
Lt Col Rick Dougherty	Tinker
Lt Col Steven D. Gulbranson	Kadena
Lt Col Daniel Haman	Incirlik
Lt Col Kevin M. Hirschey	Ramstein
Lt Col Michael L. Hutchings	Ramstein
Lt Col John C. Kresin	Whiteman
Lt Col Stephen M. Neuser	Elmendorf
Lt Col Judy P. Strickland	Kelly
Lt Col Steven L. Wire	Anderson
Lt Cmdr Larry N. Williams	Navy

Those who passed the written portion are:

Lt Col Diane M. Beecher	Eielson
Lt Col Paul E. Brown	McChord
Lt Col Thomas W. Grace, Jr.	Seymour Johnson
Lt Col Erik J. Meyers	Pentagon
Lt Col Walter L. Thomas	USAF Academy
Lt Col Phillip B. Trautman	Lackland
Major Roosevelt Allen	Dover
Major Michael P. Cunningham	Misawa
Lt Cmdr John A. Day	Great Lakes
Major Jeffrey P. Jessup	Geilenkirchen
Major Ray S. Jeter	Aviano
Major L. Blaine Kennington	Mt Home
Major Randall McDaniel	Yokota
Major Mark Nill	Holloman
Major Douglas A. Ottaway	Columbus
Major Glen L. Terry	Howard

Dr. Jim Summitt, the Civilian National Consultant for Restorative Dentistry/Dental Materials asked that we remind all Diplomates of the FSBGD that they can also become certified by the Certifying Board of General Dentistry (recently renamed the American Board of General Dentistry) by successfully challenging the written portion of the examination. The written examination consists of 350 multiple choice questions and can be administered in the DANTES office at your base. For more information, call Ms. Lori Robbins at (312) 440-4300.

5. DENTAL MATERIALS EXPERTISE

The shared expertise of a small group of general dentists with additional training in dental materials has greatly enhanced the working knowledge of all our residents as well as most of us who rely so heavily on materials in our practices. Are there any of other qualified applicants who would like to apply for fellowship training in dental materials? We may make a selection at the 1998 Education Meeting. The following list contains names/present assignments/training sites of our dental material scientists:

Col James Broome	Elmendorf	Alabama
Col Richard Davis	Keesler	Indiana
Col Thomas Hilton	DIS	Oregon
Col David Murchison	Lackland	Indiana
Lt Col David Charlton	Osan	Indiana (MSD)

While your considering fellowship training, I should also let you know that we maybe seeking candidates for advanced training in dental radiology (2-3 yr MS program) as well as a TMD fellowship (one year). The official word on these anticipated opportunities can be expected from AFPC.

6. PROPOSED AEGD I EXPANSION

General Almquist has asked us to look at ways to expand the number of AEGD I training slots in the next five years to continue to attract the best into the USAF. During the 1997 Dental Education meeting a proposal was made to expand most of our existing programs as well as consider seeking some additional sites. This proposal is more complex than it may seem on the surface as the allocation of training man years from the Integrated Forecast Board as well as enlisted support may prove problematic. More to come!

7. PENTAGON DENTAL CLINIC

Did you know that a Pentagon parking garage is being turned into a 30 DTR **Triservice** Dental Clinic to better support our Pentagon customers. The clinic's leadership will rotate among the three involved services with the Captain Parker ,USN, as the first commander. The USAF will have one periodontist and six general dentists to man this tasking. The Army and Navy will supply an endodontist, a prosthodontist and comparable numbers of general dentists. Since Bolling Clinic has primary responsibility for this patient population , they will initially supply most of the USAF staff. In the future you could see these jobs appearing on the assignments bulletin board.

8. CLOSING:

I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ORGANIZED DENTISTRY! The ADA has played a major role in the support of our pay packages. I would really like to see USAF membership figures exceed those of our sister services! Join a team that has definitely paid each of us (while on active duty) significant dividends. The attached 47G3A list has not been easy to compile because of the inaccuracies of most dental service UMDs. If you are a 47G3A, does your UMD identify you as such? Should you find any errors on the 47G3A list, please let me know as I would like to keep this as accurate as possible. Finally, I would like to thank Col Donald J. Buikema for the dedicated service he has given each of us over the past six years. We all wish him the best in his new career with the VA in Kerrville,Texas, as well as UTHSCSA, Dental School.

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47G3A List

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